



Sunport Wins TripAdvisor® Award



The Albuquerque International Sunport has been named a 2016 TripAdvisor® Travelers' Choice Favorite for U.S. Airports in the medium sized airports category, based on global feedback from the TripAdvisor community. The first annual Travelers' Choice Favorites for U.S. Airports highlights the most popular domestic airports in the categories of shopping, dining, large sized and medium sized airports. Criteria include security, baggage claim, cleanliness, Wi-Fi, terminal seating and more. The awards recognized five airports in each category.

"The Sunport is the front porch for all of New Mexico," said Mayor Richard J. Berry. "Albuquerque is a great city to live in and a wonderful destination to visit. We strive to make sure as soon as someone steps off the plane or steps into the building they feel welcomed, safe and surrounded by our rich culture."

"Regardless of which airline they choose, a traveler's experience at an airport can make or break a trip," said Barbara Messing, chief marketing officer for TripAdvisor. "From major travel hubs to smaller stops, these Travelers' Choice Favorites for U.S. airports are dedicated to providing a positive travel experience for every flyer."

For more information on the awards and the complete list of 2016 winners of the Travelers' Choice Favorites for U.S. Airports, go to: blog.tripadvisor.com/2016/08/18/top-u-s-airports-according-travelers

For more information on the Sunport, flight departure and arrival information, or other details on services, visit: cabq.gov/airport or abqsunport.com



ABQ Ride App Updates

A new version of the ABQ Ride transit app is now available with enhanced features to make riding a City bus even easier.



New features include:

- ◆ Direct access to the *Live Tracking* page
- ◆ Simultaneous multiple route tracking
- ◆ Access to *ABQ 311* app

Plus, the ABQ Ride app still allows users to find real-time locations of City buses within a minute's accuracy. The app also provides access to social media and websites, as well as, details on bus schedules, bus fares and other public transportation options.

To download the improved ABQ Ride app, visit: cabq.gov/abq-apps/city-apps-listing/abq-ride



Crime Mapping

The Albuquerque Police Department is now making local up-to-date crime data available to the public through CrimeMapping.com.

The CrimeMapping website is easy to navigate and provides neighborhood crime information to citizens within 24 hours of an incident. The information provided is obtained from calls for service handled by the Albuquerque Police Department.



Community members may access this information for free thus empowering them to make informed decisions to help improve the safety of their families, friends, property and the community at large.

For more information, please visit:
crimemapping.com

Anniversary: *There's a Better Way* Program

This month marks the first anniversary of the *There's a Better Way* program, which hires panhandlers for day jobs, that are intended to further beautify the city.

Albuquerque is currently serving as a role model for dozens of cities around the country for this program's unique way of tackling the issues of joblessness and homelessness. In partnership with a local nonprofit that serves the homeless population, a City van is dispatched around Albuquerque to pick up panhandlers who are interested in working. The job pays \$9 an hour, which is above minimum wage, and provides a lunch. At the end of the shift, the participants are offered overnight shelter, as needed, and paid for their work.



In less than a year since its start, the program has given out 932 jobs clearing 69,601 pounds of litter and weeds from 196 city blocks. Plus, more than 100 individuals have been connected to permanent employment, thereby bettering their current situation and future.

The van for *There's a Better Way* employs about 10 workers a day but is able to take more as the need and demand requires. Recently, the City increased funding for the program to expand it from two to four days a week. Plus the City's partner, St. Martin's Hospitality Center, has recently started its own day labor program, connecting those without jobs to employers in the area who could offer work opportunities.

The program is connecting people to the resources they need. It also demonstrates that others are willing to show them kindness so they can work towards having a better life.

For more information on the program, visit:
cabq.gov/mayor/news/city-launches-effort-to-curb-panhandling

Recycling at Work is Easy with Commercial Services



It's easy to go-green at home with curbside recycling, and now it's also easy to go-green at work with the Solid Waste Management Department's commercial recycling collection service. Together we can make a difference and become a more sustainable community.

Here's how commercial recycling works:

- ◆ The Solid Waste Management Department will provide a six yard bin for the purpose of collecting recycling material
- ◆ Pick-ups can be scheduled once a week or multiple times a week
- ◆ The commercial recycling service is free for the first 90 days

By recycling, businesses will reduce the amount of trash generated, thereby possibly reducing the trash bill and saving money. That means recycling at work makes earth-sense and money-sense. Plus, the Solid Waste Management Department can provide educational material and presentations to assist in teaching employees how to properly recycle at work.

To see if you qualify for the 90-day free pilot program, call Sam Trimble with the Solid Waste Department at (505) 761-8118.

What's Recyclable?

The following items are accepted in curbside and commercial recycling bins:

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| ◆ Newspapers & Magazines | ◆ Brown Paper Bags |
| ◆ Junk Mail | ◆ Paper Egg Cartons |
| ◆ Office Paper | ◆ #1 - #7 Plastic Bottles & Tubs |
| ◆ Corrugated Cardboard | ◆ Rigid Plastics (Hampers & Toys) |
| ◆ Cereal/Cracker Boxes | ◆ Aluminum Cans, Foil & Pie Pans |
| ◆ Milk Cartons/Juice Boxes | ◆ Tin Cans |
| ◆ Phone Books | ◆ Small Electronics |
| ◆ Books | ◆ Pots/Pans |



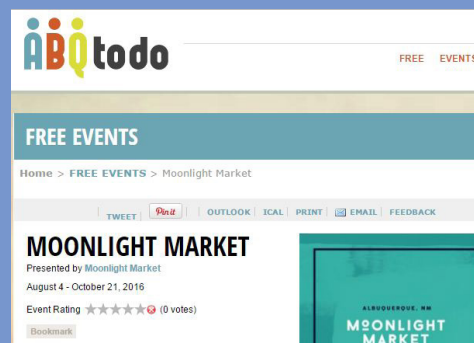
For more details, visit: cabq.gov/solidwaste



Does your house have numbers that are visible from the street? If not, you're in violation of the Numbering of City Buildings Ordinance.

The ordinance governs the numbering of city buildings including residential homes. It's ordinance 14-4-1 and states that house address numbers must be 3" or larger in height and be visible from the street. Be sure to check your home's address numbers to ensure you're in compliance with the ordinance.

For more information about this ordinance and others pertaining to your home, visit the Planning Department at: cabq.gov/planning/code-enforcement



If you're looking for something to do, make a stop at ABQtodo.com. The website is your one-stop source for event information, sports, culture and arts in Albuquerque. Available 24/7, ABQtodo is a great resource for details on the "happenings" around town.

Visit ABQtodo at: abqtodo.com

ABQ International District Festival

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The Albuquerque International District Festival is almost here! Come out and join in the fun at NM Veterans' Memorial Park from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 24.

This free event is family-friendly and will feature:

- ◆ Music and entertainment
- ◆ *Albuquerque Idol* contest
- ◆ Kid zone
- ◆ Petting zoo
- ◆ 20' water slide
- ◆ Carnival games
- ◆ Face painting
- ◆ Caricatures
- ◆ Balloon twisting
- ◆ Obstacle course
- ◆ Car show
- ◆ Food trucks
- ◆ Arts & crafts vendors
- ◆ much more...



Parking is free and easily accessible at the park. NM Veterans' Memorial Park is located at 1100 Louisiana Blvd SE in Albuquerque.

Remembering 9/11: Memorial Stair Climb

On Sunday, Sept. 11, the City of Albuquerque, Albuquerque Fire Department, and Daniels Family Funeral Services are hosting the annual *9/11 Memorial Stair Climb*. The climb and ceremony that follows, is intended to honor the lives lost during the terror attacks on September 11, 2001.

Participants in the climb will scale City Hall's south stairwells five times to equal 55 stories, half the height of the World Trade Center. Individuals or teams of four may register with 100% of proceeds going to benefit the local American Red Cross for disaster relief. Individuals may register for \$40 and teams of four may register for \$140. Climbers who register will have a picture on their back of a public safety member or civilian who perished on 9/11, so they will be climbing in honor of that person.

Check-in time is 8 a.m. and the climb starts at precisely 8:46 a.m., the same time the first terrorist plane hit tower one. The climb should last until about 10 a.m. After the stair climb, all participants and the public are encouraged to stay for the 9/11 Memorial Ceremony on Civic Plaza.

Registrations will be accepted on site the day of the event or you may pre-register online at: tinyurl.com/ABQStairclimb



Mayor & First Lady's Dog Ball

It'll be all paws at this year's Mayor and First Lady's Dog ball on Saturday, Sept. 10 with a *Paw-lynesian* theme!



This year's event will take place at the Albuquerque Marriott starting at 5:30 p.m. Tickets purchased for this pet-friendly event benefit the Animal Welfare Department's commitment to improving adoptions, spay/neuter education and saving the lives of the animals in City shelters. Tickets are \$100 each or \$750 for a table of 8 and may be purchased online at kennelkompadres.org/DOG_BALL_2016.html All attendees are welcome and encouraged to bring their four-legged friends with them at no additional charge.

The ball features a "Yappy Hour" at 5:30 p.m. with door prizes, raffles, gift bags, pet vendors, a special doggie treat bar, drink bar and musical entertainment by *Lenin and McCarthy*. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. Vegetarian and vegan meals are available upon request.

Sponsored by Clark's Pet Emporium and emcee'd by KRQE-TV's Kristen Currie, the 2016 Mayor and First Lady's Dog Ball is sure to get tails wagging, so buy your tickets today!

Learn more about Kennel Kompadres or the Mayor and First Lady's Dog Ball online at: kennelkompadres.org or cabq.gov/pets

Reducing Incidents of Human/Coyote Conflict



Coyotes are an important part of the natural ecosystem in the Albuquerque area, and do not distinguish between wild prey and unsupervised pets. The City of Albuquerque Environmental Health Department promotes conservation of native

wildlife, and will only take steps to remove urban coyotes in extreme circumstances, where there is a clear indication that a threat to humans exists. Because of this, it's important to learn how to discourage coyotes from visiting your property and neighborhood.

The most effective way to discourage coyotes is to actively haze them. What's hazing you ask? Hazing simply means scaring a coyote away from you, your yard, or your neighborhood. Coyotes are members of the dog family, and just as we train our dogs to adopt good behavior, we can reinforce a coyote's natural instinct to avoid people without harming them. Keeping coyotes wild and wary is the key to successful coexistence.

Haze if:

- ◆ A coyote approaches you in a park or neighborhood
- ◆ A coyote walks your street or visits your yard

How to Haze:

- ◆ Stand your ground and make eye contact
- ◆ Use tools and make noise to frighten the animal (*garden hoses, water guns with vinegar water, pop-open umbrellas*)
- ◆ Haze until the coyote retreats - Allow room for it to escape
- ◆ Make sure the coyote is focused on you as the source of danger
- ◆ Hazing should be exaggerated, assertive and consistent



For more information about how to reduce human/coyote conflict in Albuquerque, visit the Environmental Health Department website at: cabq.gov/environmentalhealth/urban-biology/urban-wildlife

City Hearings & Meetings

- ◆ City Council
 - Meets every other Monday each month, 5 p.m.
 - Agendas at cabq.gov/council
- ◆ Community Policing Councils
 - Meeting days and times vary
 - Agendas at cabq.gov/police/community-policing-council
- ◆ Development Review Board
 - Meets weekly on Wednesdays, 9 a.m.
 - Agendas at cabq.gov/planning
- ◆ Environmental Planning Commission
 - Meets second Thursday of each month, 8:30 a.m.
 - Agendas/staff reports at cabq.gov/planning
- ◆ Landmarks and Urban Conservation Commission
 - Meets second Wednesday of each month, 3 p.m.
 - Agendas/staff reports at cabq.gov/planning
- ◆ Zoning Board of Appeals
 - Meets fourth Tuesday of each month, 9 a.m.
 - Agendas/staff reports at cabq.gov/planning
- ◆ Zoning Hearing Examiner
 - Meets third Tuesday of each month, 9 a.m.
 - Agendas/notices of decisions at cabq.gov/planning



Salsa Fiesta Fun

The 12th Annual Historic Old Town Salsa Fiesta will be returning on Saturday, Sept. 10, from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Every year over 20 non-professional cooks come out to make salsa on site with the hope that theirs will be voted the best homemade salsa in the City by voting attendees from all over the Southwest. All of this takes place while crowds of people dance to live entertainment, enjoy free kids' activities such as face painting and rock walls, and embrace everything Old Town has to offer including dining, shopping and more.

For the full entertainment schedule and further event details, visit the Cultural Services Department at: cabq.gov/culturalservices

Coalition Meetings

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| ◆ District 4 Coalition <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Meets third Wednesday each month, 7 p.m. | ◆ North Valley Coalition <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Meets quarterly, days vary, 6:30 p.m. |
| ◆ District 6 Coalition <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Meets quarterly, days vary, 7 p.m. | ◆ Southwest Alliance of Neighborhoods <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Meets first Tuesday of each month, 6 p.m. |
| ◆ District 7 Coalition <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Meets first Wednesday each month, 7 p.m. | ◆ South Valley Coalition of Neighborhood Associations <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Meets second Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m. |
| ◆ District 8 Coalition <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Meets bimonthly, days vary, 7 p.m. | ◆ Westside Coalition <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Meets first Wednesday each month, 7 p.m. |
| ◆ East Gateway Coalition <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Meets quarterly, days vary, 6:30 p.m. | |

*Additional information available at cabq.gov/council

New Children's Park Honors Ofc. Webster & Children of Varying Ability Levels



Albuquerque Police Officer Daniel Webster gave his life in service of the City and area he loved. In honor of that service and sacrifice, the City of Albuquerque is constructing a new children's park, where there is an experience for every child at every ability level.

The park, which will be located within Los Altos Park on the Northeast side of town, is unique and the first of its kind in the greater Albuquerque area. Upon completion, the inclusive children's park will have features aimed at allowing easy maneuverability for children using walkers and wheelchairs as well as appealing to the ability level of many others. The poured-in-place rubber surfacing and engineered wood fiber mulch, along with a central ramp, make using the play area easy for everyone. In addition, the playground also includes musical and textured equipment for the visually impaired, colorful interactive sensory enriching equipment for those on the Autism spectrum, and even challenging equipment for active children.



The Officer Daniel Webster Albuquerque Children's Park is scheduled to be completed in December of this year at a cost of approximately \$5 million. Phase I of the park is designed to feature different geographical locations of the city. The central play area was inspired by The Big I, and a small plaza and gridded turf area were inspired by the UNM and Nob Hill neighborhoods. The Bosque is represented by trees and walking paths. Park goers will recognize the Route 66 corridor, Balloon Fiesta Park, Fossils and Petroglyphs, and so much more. Plus, large shade canopies will cover most of the equipment.

For more information, visit: cabq.gov/parksandrecreation

Submit An Article

If you have an article to submit to *Neighborhood News* we'd love to hear from you!

Officers of recognized neighborhood associations/coalitions, may submit an article by emailing the editor by the third Friday of the month. Your email should include your full name, your title within your association and any images you wish to include. Article submissions should be limited to no more than 300 words in length and images should be emailed in jpg, eps, pdf or png format.

The City of Albuquerque reserves the right to reject, edit, shorten or postpone the publish date of any article submission. *Neighborhood News* does not publish submissions with an editorial or op-ed focus.

Email the editor: mperez@cabq.gov



ABC-Z: Comp Plan and IDO Updates

The ABC-Z Project is a two-year initiative to update the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan and create an Integrated Development Ordinance (IDO). The project will simplify the zoning and subdivision regulations in order to improve opportunities for economic development, create jobs, protect established neighborhoods, streamline the development review/approval process and promote more sustainable development.



Comprehensive Plan - Public Hearings

The updated plan was reviewed by the Environmental Planning Commission at two public hearings in August. The proposed update moves next to the City Council for review, first by the Land Use Planning, and Zoning Committee, and then by the full Council at public hearings. You are encouraged to send written comments to City Council and to attend hearings to give testimony. EPC staff reports, written comments, staff responses, and presentations are available at: abc-zone.com

Integrated Development Ordinance

A draft of the third portion of the IDO is now available online for review. Hard copies can be reviewed at ABC Libraries or checked out for review at the Planning Department. The third portion, or *Module 3*, focuses on the review and approval processes for development projects, including zone changes. Public meetings in August reviewed the content and provided opportunities for questions and discussion. The presentation is available at abc-zone.com. Please email comments to abcto@cabq.gov by Sept. 23.

For more information about the IDO or Comprehensive Plan, please visit abc-zone.com or contact the ABC-Z project team at (505) 924-3860 or TTY 711.

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